

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND GUTHRIE COUNTY REC	DOCKET NO. SPU-04-32
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued December 14, 2004)

On November 9, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Guthrie County REC (Guthrie) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2). A service area agreement between IPL and Guthrie was attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

IPL and Guthrie have agreed that certain territory in IPL's exclusive service territory will be transferred to Guthrie and request the Board modify the service territory boundary between the two utilities in Dallas County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be served by Guthrie:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4SE1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE1/4NE1/4) of Section 31, Township 79 North, Range 29 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dallas County, Iowa, EXCEPT: Beginning at a point 205 feet South of the apparent East One-quarter Corner of Section 31, Township 79 North Range 29 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dallas County, Iowa, thence N53 59.75' West 327.5 feet, thence N89 17.75' West 361.2 feet, thence N1 04.25' East 201 feet, thence N73

15.75' West 139.2 feet, thence N31 28.75' West 811.5 feet, thence N86 16.75' West 164.5 feet to the centerline of the existing county road, thence S0 46.75' East 920.5 feet, thence South 861.1 feet, thence S89 24' East 1,334.4 feet, thence N0 15.75' West 655.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 34.84 acres which includes road right of way, AND EXCEPT the South Fourteen (14) acres of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 31, Township 79 North, Range 29 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dallas County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Guthrie state the modification will allow both utilities to more efficiently serve their end-use customers while avoiding unnecessary duplication of facilities. The proposed modification will allow Guthrie to serve a single residence. Guthrie has an existing distribution line near the residence while IPL would have to extend facilities at a significant cost to serve the customer. The property owner consents to the modification because of the proximity of Guthrie's facilities. No other customers are impacted by the modification.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2003) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. IPL and Guthrie have alleged facts that establish the proposed

modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power and Light Company and Guthrie County REC on November 9, 2004, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.